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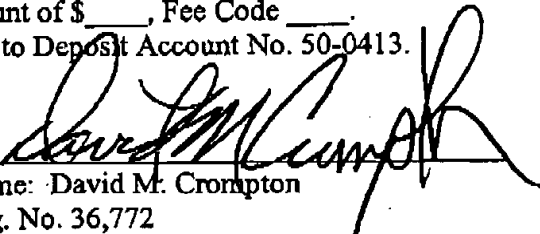
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Dear Sir:

This Interview Summary is filed pursuant to M.P.E.P § 713.04. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during a telephone conference and messages exchanged on November 12, 2004 between the Examiner and Applicant's representative, Mr. Mark Schroeder. The status and content of the claims were discussed.

In particular, the rejection of method claims 36-38 was discussed, making note that the standing rejection made mention of a "product by process" type of claim. These claims were also discussed in light of U.S. Patent No. 5,876,376 to Schwab et al. It was suggested that heat bonding implicitly indicates the bonding of a solid element to another solid element, rather than bonding between a liquid and a solid element such as would occur when an adhesive is cured.

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Agreement could not be reached with respect to the claims, as the Examiner took the position that heat shrinking would be well known or was disclosed in the cited references.

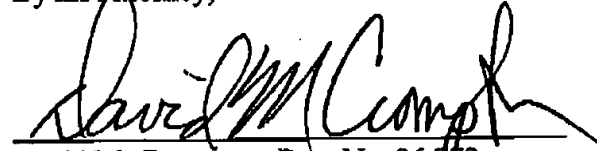
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